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TAGS: OVIP (STENVIG, CHARLES)

SUBJECT: CALCUTTA VISIT OF MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR STENVIG

REF: CALCUTTA 884

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR CHARLES STENVIG AND MRS. (AUDREY) STENVIG PLAN TO VISIT CALCUTTA APRIL 20-24. THE MAYOR AND HIS WIFE ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON TG-301 FROM BANGKOK AT 10:55 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

2. WE UNDERSTAND SAS AGENT SVEN PALM IS MAKING HOTEL AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STENVIGS. THE MAYOR WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULATE GENERAL'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUBSTANTIVE SCHEDULING IN CALCUTTA. HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CALLS ON THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR AND GOWB OFFICIALS, AS APPROPRIATE- THE MAYOR IS A FORMER MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER (LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE) AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING I.G. OF POLICE RANJIT GUPTA IN PARTICULAR.

3. THE MAYOR AND HIS WIFE ARE IN THEIR 40'S AND IN GOOD HEALTH. AN AIDE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE "INTERESTED IN PEOPLE" AND WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO INCLUDE VISITS TO CALCUTTA

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND OTHER LOCAL SIGHTS OF INTEREST IN

THEIR SCHEDULE.

4. MAYOR STENVIG WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE MEETS WITH A CERTIFICATE OF HONORARY MINNEAPOLIS CITIZENSHIP (AN HONORARY MINNEAPOLIS POLICE BADGE IN RANJIT GUPTA'S CASE). IN ORDER THAT CERTIFICATES MAY BE FILLED OUT IN MINNEAPOLIS AND GIVEN TO THE MAYOR PRIOR TO HIS APRIL 12 DEPARTURE, PLEASE CABLE US NAMES, AS THEY SHOULD BE INSCRIBED, OF OFFICIALS TO WHOM SUCH A PRESENTATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE WILL NEED NAMES BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 12. SINCE CERTIFICATES APPARENTLY INEXPENSIVE, THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM IN LISTING MORE NAMES THAN THERE ARE EVENTUAL PRESENTATIONS.

5. FYI: MINNEAPOLIS WAS FEATURED IN A RECENT EDITION OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE (FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1976?) AS ONE OF AMERICA'S FEW LARGE CITIES WITHOUT MAJOR URBAN PROBLEMS.
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